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TITLE OF INVENTION LINK PLATE FOR AN ENERGY TRANSMISSION CHAIN, AND
CORRESPONDING ENERGY TRANSMISSION CHAIN

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15. A substitute specification.
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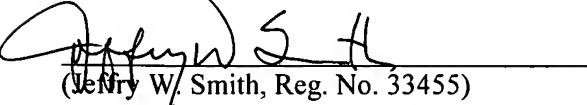
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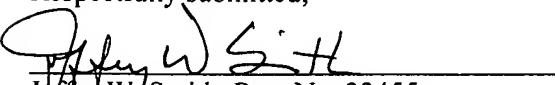
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